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The ballot this fall will be the largest ever voted at a presidential election.

Less than two weeks, and the election comes off. Sure, somebody is going to get left.

SENATORS and Congressmen get a salary of \$5,000 and mileage at the rate of 20 cents a mile.

It is hard to make a man running for office believe there is much chance of him being defeated.

A conservative estimate places the amount of money annually expended in the United States in legitimate forms of advertising at one billion dollars.

On November 8th the election takes place, and, if we believe the political speakers, everybody will be elected.

Even the Ojage Indians of Oklahoma have the "auto craze" and have asked that the money to their credit in the United States treasury be given them to buy autos.

When the election is over you can find plenty of men who can tell you all about how it happened, who would not dare risk their judgment now.

The Daughters of the Confederacy have decided that it shall be called the "war of the States" instead of the "civil war." But it is the same war.

Remember the election is Tuesday, November 8th, and that it will be another four years before you will have another chance to vote for a candidate for president.

The leading department stores of New York and Brooklyn spend \$3,500,000 a year in advertising. It would be joking to ask: "Does it pay?"

Politics are getting pretty hot in this district, but in a few days it will begin to simmer down, and it will be another two years before the pot commences to boil again.

Women sometimes are accused of forgetting a year in order to remain young, but masculine employees of the Pennsylvania lines would do well to remain under 35 if they care to hold their job.

WILLIAM WALSH, actor, owns \$31,000,000 worth of property in New York. There is no reason to believe that he hopes for the immediate destruction of this country, even if he doesn't consider it fit to live in.

There has been more political speaking in the Ninth District during the present campaign than in any previous campaign we know of, and yet the average man will vote for who he pleases regardless of what the politicians say.

Except where local questions arise to arouse interest the people appear to care little whether any campaign is made. The torchlight processions, flambeau clubs, campaign legions and other spectacular accessories of former presidential contests are altogether absent.

The Republicans say Sleep will carry this district by at least one thousand majority and the Democrats are sure Wypor's majority will be at least fifteen hundred. The truth is we believe it will be a close race and the man elected will not have much to boast of.

The battleship Connecticut is one of the largest in the American navy, and when completed and armed will be one of the most powerful war ships in the world. It will be a flag ship and will have 32 officers and 761 men. Its cost is not to exceed \$4,212,000.

PRESIDENT LORAN, of the Rock Island railroad, resigned recently. He received \$75,000 a year. He was formerly employed by the Baltimore & Ohio as president and was given a bonus of \$500,000 to quit the road and accept the position he has now resigned and which he only held nine months. He was the highest salaried railroad president in the world.

GEORGE MERRITT, an English author, is making himself unpopular by advocating a limited period of marriage, the contract specifying a definite period, "either forty years, forty days or forty hours." He is 75 years old, and probably married life has been a failure in his case.

We feel sorry for the man who does not read his home paper. He is no better man than a man without a country. He is like a homeless cow, that has no regular pasture, but grazes promiscuously on weeds and thistle. No matter what other papers he may read, the straightforward citizen always insists on having his home paper.

SEVERAL hundred life-preservers, sold to the United States government by a firm in Camden, N. J., have been found to contain an iron bolt six inches long in each, concealed within the compressed cork block. This, of course, because iron is a good deal cheaper than cork by the pound.

As rapidly as the change can be brought about, the management of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad has determined to substitute telephone for telegraph in despatching and operating trains. The announcement was made in Chicago Friday after conclusion of comprehensive tests that have been in progress for several years, in various parts of the system.

The world is a thoroughfare and all the men and women merely grafters. They have their trimmings and are trimmed in turn, and each man in time piles many pliers on the unsuspecting. Some are gentleman grafters and others mere bloodsuckers. Some get their money easy and live on Shady street, others hustle and hang on by their eyebrows—but it is a great and a glorious world for all that!

The Americans are great banana eaters. Every year we import from 25,000,000 to 30,000,000 bunches of this nutritious fruit, for which we pay between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000. To this sum may be added annually about \$25,000 worth of plantains, a fruit closely resembling the banana, and used for cooking purposes in the South. Next in importance to bananas in the import fruit trade are lemons, for which upward of \$3,000,000 is expended abroad annually.

CLINCHFIELD CORPORATION

Gets the Crane's Nest Coal Land Properties in Wise County.

A Baltimore special says: The Union Trust Company has sold its interest in the coal and railroad project in Southwestern Virginia connected with the Crane's Nest Coal Company and the South and Western Railway Company.

The development of this enterprise was undertaken by the trust company about three years ago, but was never fully worked out. Mr. George Blakistone, president of the trust company, announced yesterday that the control has now passed over to a holding company, to be known as the Clinchfield Corporation, Clinchfield being the name of the district in which the coal properties are located. Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia capitalists have formed the new company.

The Clinchfield Corporation has a capital stock of two million three hundred thousand dollars. There is no bond issue. At a meeting held yesterday Mr. James Clarke, president of the Drovers and Mechanics' National Bank, was elected president. The board of directors consists of Messrs. James Clark, Miles White, Jr., and J. Southgate Lemmon, of Baltimore; George L. Carter, of Bristol Tennessee; and Archer A. Philbrick of Virginia.

Representative of Northern capitalists who will furnish the money to develop the proposition will soon be added to the board.

The Crane's Nest Coal Company owns one hundred and twelve thousand acres of coal lands in Wise and Dickinson counties, Virginia; the tract, it is said, containing large veins of good coal. The South and Western Railway owns and operates sixty nine miles of road and has graded lines for extensions of sixty-five miles. The original plan was to construct two hundred and forty miles of railroad at a cost of about seven million dollars. There was to be a northern extension through Kentucky and Ohio to a connection with the

Detroit Southern road and southward to Southport, North Carolina, on the Atlantic coast. This would have given a short route from the Great Lakes through the Clinchfield coal district to the South Atlantic seaboard. Various well known engineers worked on the scheme, including Prof. William B. Clarke, of the John Hopkins University and Mr. William T. Manning, formerly chief engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

It is understood that the new company will devote its attention to a development of the coal properties and may work some extensions of the railroad to facilitate the handling of coal. Two mines are now being operated. The Union Trust Company has been trying to sell its interests in the properties for a long time. The sale will very much help the condition of the Trust Company. Mr. Blakistone said the terms of the sale will not be given out at present.

FIRE AT GLADEVILLE.

Joe Dotson's and Carter Dean's Residences in Ashes.

Wise, Va., Oct. 21.—Gladeville was visited by a disastrous fire at day-break Wednesday morning. In less than an hour the handsome residence of Joe Dotson and the house occupied by Carter Dean were in ashes.

The fire originated in the kitchen annex of Dotson's residence, and seemed to be near or around the flue in the coal when discovered. There had been no fire in the kitchen since Tuesday noon, and how it happened to catch on fire is a mystery.

The whole town turned out and aided in saving the household effects of Dotson and Dean.

It took hard work to save Harlin Dale's house, which was on fire several times.

A stubborn stand and a stiff fight saved the Methodist parsonage.

Mr. Dotson was away from home at the time, and has not yet returned. Both buildings were insured.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM A. ANDERSON.

Hon. Wm. A. Anderson, Attorney General of Virginia, will address the voters of Big Stone Gap and vicinity at the School Hall on the night of Tuesday November 1st, on behalf of the Democratic Party. General Anderson is one of the foremost orators of the State and should be greeted by a large crowd, irrespective of party. Ladies are especially invited to attend. General Anderson has long been a prominent figure in Virginia; was one of the leaders of the Constitutional Convention and has for the past three years filled the position of Attorney General with signal ability. We hope that all of our citizens will take the opportunity to hear him present the issues of the campaign.

WANTED—Quickly, two persons to represent best established wholesale house among retail merchants and agents. Good territory of five counties. \$15 salary and expenses paid weekly. Expense money advanced. Commission extra. Permanent employment. Business correspondence, experience not essential. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Address: J. W. Kelly, 222 Dearborn St., Chicago. Sept. 22.

SURVEYORS ON THE C. C. & C. ROUTE.

PATRICK, TENN., Oct. 20.—There is talk of the old C. C. & C. Railroad being completed. The company had men going over the old road this week.

This route, which was graded through from Johnson City to the coal fields fourteen years ago, is now supposed to be in the possession of the South and Western Railway with headquarters at Bristol.

It is understood to be the one aim of this company to get a direct route from the Southwest Virginia coal fields through the mountains, to connect with railways which are now operated from the mountains of Western North Carolina to the seacoast. Such a connection would give the mining interests of Wise County, Va., a direct deep-water outlet, and would open up an extensive coal trade through North and South Carolina.

SHYLOCK

Shylock was the man who wanted a pound of human flesh. There are many Shylocks now, the convalescent, the consumptive, the sickly child, the pale young woman, all want human flesh and they can get it—take Scott's Emulsion.

Scott's Emulsion is flesh and blood, bone and muscle. It feeds the nerves, strengthens the digestive organs and they feed the whole body.

For nearly thirty years Scott's Emulsion has been the great giver of human flesh.

We will send you a couple of ounces free.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409-415 Pearl Street, New York, N. Y.

A MATTER OF HEALTH



MATHIESON GETS \$44,000 JUDGMENT.

End of His Suit in Federal Court Against Mathieson Alkali Works.

ARLINGTON, Va., Oct. 20.—The jury in the noted Alkali case in the Federal Court returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the full amount sued for. This was a suit for salary claimed to be due under contract to T. T. Mathieson, of Liverpool, England, whom the defendants, the Mathieson Alkali Company employed to erect a plant for them at Saltville in and following the year 1893.

The judgment was awarded in pounds sterling and aggregated about \$44,000. It appeared that the Mathiesons occupied a position in the chemical world in 1890 similar to that which Edison occupies in the electrical world of today, and that the company, who had at that time recently purchased the Saltville property, determined to get them to allow it the use of their name and also to get them to install the plant on the property.

The contract called for a period of service covering eight years, five of which remained unpaid and a counter claim was set up against this alleged bad and inefficient service on the part of the plaintiff, T. T. Mathieson. The jury, however, did not sustain the counter claim and judgment was awarded for the full amount sued for.

A Boy's Wild Ride For Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 15 miles to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown of Louisville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I am deeply indebted to you for the marvelous cure of my asthma, pneumonia, bronchitis, coughs, colds and grip. I have tried all the best remedies and nothing helped me but Dr. J. W. Kelly's drug store."

DOES GOOD WORK.

The Winchester Steam Laundry has recently moved into a new building, added new machinery to their plant and are now better prepared than ever before to do the very best of work. J. W. Kelly represents them at this place and guarantees satisfaction. Leave your bundle at the Drug Store.

FROM CRAB ORCHARD.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

CRAB ORCHARD, Va., Oct. 24.—Sunday morning the first snow fell here. The beautiful summer is fast disappearing and the cold chills winter is entering.

The great exciting presidential contest is drawing near. There is six presidential candidates in the field for election. They are as follows: Rep. Republican Ticket, Parker and Davis, Democratic Ticket, Selous U. Swallow and C. W. Carroll, Social Labor Ticket, C. H. Corrigan and Wm. W. Cox, Socialist Ticket, Eugene V. Debs and Benjamin Hanford, Peoples Ticket, Thos. R. Watson and Thos. H. Tibbles. This is a free government in which all persons can cast their votes independent of whom they please, un molested, un hindered or intimidated by law.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fitch*

FROM SERGEANT.

Correspondence of The Big Stone Gap Post.

SERGEANT, Ky., Oct. 24.—Cool windy weather and a rain on the twenty-first. Was a gentle reminder of grimy winter coming on.

The overcoat and a couple of hands have done much-needed repair on the road during the week. We need more of it.

A little infant child of Riley Meade, of Millstone, died Friday night. The parents should be fully reconciled owing to the declaration of Jesus when he said: "Suffer little children to come unto me for such is the kingdom of Heaven."

The residence of Henry Potter, on Pottery Fork Creek, was burned Wednesday night, presumably by incendiaries. There is believed to be a clue, and further developments are expected.

Perhaps the least expected and the most sensational outside that was ever chronicled in this section, took place on Long Fork Creek Thursday night when T. Jefferson Riddle, one of the most prominent men of the mountains, snatched by hanging himself to the bare loft. He was not freed until the next morning when his little family were horrified at the ghastly sight that met their gaze upon going to the barn. There was no cause assigned.

Riddle had always been successful in all his business ventures. He was a brother-in-law to Prof. S. Riddle, principal of the Pikeville College Institute, Pikeville, Ky. Mrs. Mary Belle Cassity, of Whitesburg, spent the week here most pleasantly with her many relatives.

A column article in last week's issue of Manufacturers Record, gave an account of the re-organization of the Middleburg Mineral Railway which will shortly be extended up Cumberland River into the rich undeveloped coal fields that lie along the Virginia border. This will mean much to the entire Cumberland Valley and the territory adjacent in the Virginia coal fields. A survey on the line was made a year ago.

A number of the much-talked-of call-bag snakes have been discovered on Col. J. Webb's family of Mosses Webb, of Bottom Fork Creek, found one yesterday. They now have it on exhibition. Despite all these reliable mentions there are many people who yet believe any such snake is a myth, pure and simple. But "what fools we mortals be."

This, so far, is the quietest campaign we have ever known, in fact the election is nearly over named. We, however, predict a showing victory for Parker and the Democratic ticket.

Colly has a crack base ball team, and at the last game Dock Adams had the misfortune to get his nose very badly cracked. Look out Dock, baseball is tough on noses.

Miss Lina Hogg, one of Letcher's sweetest girls, who is welding the rod near Glasgow, was here the past week smiling as usual.

The mails have become very irregular and uncertain late here and Big Stone Gap. Last week my contribution failed to reach the Post in time for publication. Occasionally copies of the paper go astray and never reach their destination. Evidently there is a radical wrong somewhere and if the miscreant can be located he will be fairly dealt with. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

We understand that John A. Webb is soon to enter the mercantile business at Whitesburg—a second venture.

Mrs. Thornbury and her daughter, of Floyd county, passed here Saturday enroute to Mayking, where they will visit for some time.

Success to the Post and its hundreds of readers. Success.

A LITTLE ABOUT EVERYTHING.

Short Pungent Paragraphs of Interest to Everyone.

The local paper is an absolute necessity in every household.

Everyone can dream success; it's quite another thing to win it.

The main part is to do with might and main what you can do.

Next to a fatal illness it is a serious matter to get sick of your job.

Some of the red wood trees in California are said to be 350 high and 156 in circumference.

Many a boom is born to boom for naught and waste its noise and din upon unheeding ears.

If every man knew what's what he would be as afraid of a girl's goo goo eyes as he is of a male's kind looks.

The longest continuous staircase in the world is that which leads to the tower of the Philadelphia City Hall. It has 206 steps.

Money isn't every thing but it must be something. Otherwise so many people wouldn't be trying to get it away from you.

Pointed shoes are coming back into style. This will enable the even doctored to quit wincing with alarm and again point with pride.

Again we say, if you must knock, use an upholstered hammer. It will give you just as much satisfaction and do your victim no harm.

The man who is too modest to blow his own horn should realize that modesty has no face value in modern business affairs.

"Who is the father of Yankee Doodle?" asks the Portland, Ore., Journal. If this

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matter is to be investigated it is hoped it may not give rise to a scandal.

A drunken congressman once said to Abraham Lincoln: "I am in self-made man." Then sir," responded Honest Abe, "That relieves the Almighty of an awful responsibility."

The modern bullet will pierce the carcasses of three horses in succession at 500 yards, of four at half the distance, and one will kill a man after passing through the trunk of a thick tree.

A Western editor doesn't like the word "peek-a-hoo," as applied to the 1904 shirt waist. He calls them "low and behold garments." To this a contemporary adds: "Of course, it all depends upon the way you look at them."

New York city has just completed a \$400,000 subway add is spending \$15,000,000 on eight enormous piers on the North river. A bulkhead wall to cost \$60,000,000 it is also being built. Evidently the city does not expect any receding of the tide of commerce.

Robert E. Peary has announced that he will again attempt to reach the North Pole in a specially constructed vessel, in which he will embark next summer.

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The of a large terminal railway station with every facility for loading and discharging vessels in basins specially to be constructed, has been decided upon at New Orleans.

In a horizon in a town is a sign which reads: "If you can't pay don't load up." The card was printed for a coal yard, but someone swept it and left it in the bar-room, and the proprietor says it is the best thing he ever had in the place.

The Japanese themselves attribute their high average of physical strength to their frugal diet and the system of gymnastics called jujutsu, which includes a knowledge of anatomy and of the external and internal uses of water. Although during the period of their ascendancy the samurai kept the secret that their great physical superiority was due a great measure to the external and internal use of water, belief that if used liberally and intelligently water is an infallible weapon against disease is now generally held, by those who in jujutsu an average of a nation a day is drunk. It is noteworthy that rheumatism is almost unknown in Japan. It is probable that the absence of meat from the diet, combined with the use of plenty of water, accounts for this immunity.

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Hay, Corn, Oats, and
General Feed Stuff.

All orders given prompt and careful attention.
Store in Skeen Building.

MADAME DEAN'S FRENCH FEMALE PILLS.

A Rare, Certain Remedy for Menstrual Disorders, NEVER KNOWN TO FAIL. Relief from Painful Periods, Bloating, Headaches, Nervousness, etc. Sold by J. W. Kelly, Drug Store, Big Stone Gap, Va.

For sale by J. W. KELLY, Drugist.

Treasurer's Notice of Sittings

I, R. P. Barron, Treasurer of Wise County, Virginia, will sit at the following times and places for the purpose of receiving the State taxes and County levies for the year 1904:

Big Stone Gap, at Treasurer's Office, October 17, 18 and 19,
East Stone Gap, at J. M. Sloan's store, October 21 and 22,
Stonegap, at Hotel, October 24th,
Appalachia, at Head & Sloan's store, October 25th,
Inman, at Commissary, October 26th,
Imboden, at Commissary, October 27th,
Blackwood, at Hotel, October 28th,
Norton, at Mayor's Office, October 31, and November 1st,
Dorchester, at Head & Sloan's store, November 2nd,
Dooly, at Stidham's store, November 3rd,
Esserville, at Commissary, November 4th,
Glamorgan, at Commissary, November 5th,
Wise, at Treasurer's Office, November 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15,
Tacoma, at Renfro's store, November 16th,
Toms Creek, at Commissary, November 17th,
Coeburn, at Vicar's store, November 18 and 19,
St. Paul, at C. C. Bolton's store, November 21st,
Virginia City, at Commissary, November 22nd,
Fernalda, at Beverly's store, November 23rd,
Tasso, at Hamilton's store, November 24th,
Pound, at Hamilton Bro's. store, November 25th,
Dewey, at Bowling's store, November 26th.

Given under my hand this October 3rd, 1904.

R. P. BARRON, Treasurer